

4. ^xThe seven mothers² instruct the
(*Soma*) the
institutor (of the sacrifice) when born- for
the
prosperity (of the worshippers), so that this
firm
Soma is cognisant of riches.

5. The universal gods, devoid of malice,
assembled
together at his rite, are to be -envied if
being
delighted they take pleasure (in the *Sma*).
Vaiga v. 6. The germ which the augmenters of
the rite
brought forth at the sacrifice lovely to
look upon,
intelligent, most adorable, desired by
many.

6. He of his own will approaches
the great
united parents of the sacrifice (heaven and
earth)
when (the priests) conducting the ceremony
anoint
him in due order (with the sacred waters).
7. SOMA, by thy act drive away with thy
brilliant
organs the darkness from the sky, effusing into
the
sacrifice (thy juice) the lustre ³ of the rite.

VII. (CIIL) -

The *Rishi* is DWITA £PTYA. ; metre as before.

1. ⁴ Raise a loud voice to *Soma* the
institutor (of
the rite), purified, gratified by praises,
as (men
pay) wages (to a labourer).

¹ SaraaYeda, I. 2. 1. 1. 5.

² *i.e.* the seven rivers, the Ganges, etc. : or the
seven metres.

Yat in the next line is explained as " because,"
and another

apodosis is supplied, " *tasmd* . . .

dhanddisamriddhir lhavati"

³ Sayana here derives *didhitim* from *dhri* "the supporter of the rite."

⁴ Sama Yeda, I. 6. 2. 3, 8.